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Immunisation Programmes
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether immunization programmes targeted at reducing child mortality are not being properly implemented in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to ensure the proper implementation of immunization as well as malnutrition programmes in an effective manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): The Universal Immunization Programme, which targets reduction in child mortality and morbidity caused by vaccine preventable diseases, is being properly implemented. However, in some parts of the country community is not able to participate fully in the immunization programme as some families do not give importance to vaccination or fear of adverse event following immunization or travelling on the day of vaccination.

(c) & (d): Government of India has launched Mission Indradhanush to rapidly increase the full immunization coverage to more than 90%. Three phases of Mission Indradhanush have been completed and fourth phase is on-going. A total of 528 districts have been covered during Mission Indradhanush where more than 245.6 lakh children were reached of which 64.2 lakh children have been fully vaccinated. Further, around 66.1 lakh pregnant women were also provided with tetanus toxoid. The platform of Mission Indradhanush is also being used to provide micronutrients like 70.9 lakh doses of Vitamin A and 224.5 lakh Zinc tablets to children.

Further, the National Health Policy 2017, envisages intensification of the present efforts of Iron Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation, iodized salt, Vitamin A supplementation etc. The policy calls for synergy of inputs from departments like Women and Child Development, Education, WASH, Agriculture and Food and Civil Supplies to implement malnutrition programmes in an effective manner.